

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4697

To amend the Wyoming Wilderness Act of 1984 to clarify authorized recreational uses in the Palisades, High Lakes, and Shoal Creek Wilderness Study Areas.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 20, 2017

Ms. CHENEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. RECREATIONAL USES; ACCESS POINTS FOR**
4 **PALISADES, HIGH LAKES, AND SHOAL CREEK**
5 **WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS.**

6 Section 301(c) of the Wyoming Wilderness Act of
7 1984 (Public Law 98–550; 98 Stat. 2811) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “; and” and
9 inserting a semicolon;

1 (2) by amending paragraph (4) to read as fol-
2 lows:

3 “(4) subject to paragraph (5), all recreational
4 uses occurring within such Wilderness Study Areas
5 on the date before the day of the enactment of this
6 Act, including horseback riding, snowmobiling, dirt
7 bike riding, mountain biking, and helicopter skiing,
8 shall be permitted in such Areas;” and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following new
10 paragraphs:

11 “(5) with respect to helicopter skiing in the
12 Palisades Wilderness Study Area, the Secretary shall
13 authorize the number of permitted days of helicopter
14 skiing to be at least the number of days specified in
15 the High Mountain Heli-Skiing Final Environmental
16 Impact Statement for certain national forest dis-
17 tricts in Wyoming and Idaho issued on June 30,
18 2005, by the Forest Service; and

19 “(6) no recreational access points shall be con-
20 structed in such Wilderness Study Areas after the
21 date of the enactment of this paragraph, except by
22 express authorization of Congress.”.

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